GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDIES TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing subsidies for Agriculture products marketing promotion services and infrastructure servies to farmers;

(b) if so, whether such subsidies/assistance is provided through various progammers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;and

(d) the steps taken by the government to effectively implement the various programmers through which subsidies/assistance is provided to farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): For providing subsidies/ assistance for the development of post-harvest and marketing infrastructure, the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing Central Sector Schemes viz. Market Reform Linked Scheme of Development/ Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization and Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction of Rural Godowns. The Ministry is also implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes, such as, Terminal Market Complexes and Post-Harvest Management/ Marketing Components under National Horticulture Mission and Marketing Component under National Bamboo Mission. Similarly, a Scheme for the Development of Cold Storage is being implemented through the National Horticulture Board. Under these Schemes an assistance of upto 25% of the capital investment involved in the project is being provided as subsidy to the entrepreneurs with a suitable upper ceiling. The level of subsidy is 33.33% in the case of North Eastern and Hilly States and SCs/ STs. Under the Central Sector Scheme of Development/ Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization, assistance is also being provided to the State Agencies for modernization of existing marketing infrastructure.

(d): For effective implementation of various subsidy Schemes, the Government has laid suitable implementation and monitoring mechanisms under the Operational Guidelines of each Scheme. Central Sector Schemes are being monitored at the Central level through a Monitoring Committee headed by the Additional Secretary in the Department and for Centrally Sponsored Schemes, the monitoring is done at the Central, as well as, at the State level.